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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT

: Psychological and Sociological Components of Soviet
Satellite Vulnerabilities and Vulnerabilities of Other
Tension Areas. Catalog of Source Materials, collected
in the Pilot Study on Yugoslavia by the Institute of
East European Studies, [REDACTED]

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Mr. [REDACTED] has asked me to transmit to you the result of
your oral request to him for an evaluation of subject material and for
his opinion as to the merits of a continued subsidy of the project.
His comments follow:

a. This extensive and elaborate research project is based
on data obtained from individuals leaving Yugoslavia, primarily
as refugees from the Communist regime. It is doubtful if this
material is currently, or ever will be, of significant use to
CIA, although it conceivably could be used in the preparation
of limited support material.

b. As background data for those engaged in intelligence
work on Yugoslavia, the three volumes submitted for review are
of questionable value and, furthermore, appear to duplicate
research already done, e.g., NIS Studies which provide more
comprehensive content and coverage as basic materials. The
arrangement of material in this catalog (following an outline
form which results in a long inventory of subjects for each
interrogation report) is a further disadvantage, merely adding
to the already bulky files on the area. A more useful and infor-
mative arrangement would have been to present a basic abstract
for each interrogation.

c. The biographic compilation (pps. 60-75) which contains an
index to reports on leading Yugoslav personages, is the only
section which might be of use to CIA. Many of the reporters,
as former colleagues and current critics of some of these persons,
gave information not previously uncovered. Generally, these

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biographies in Yugoslavia cover three to five pages. Although their translation would not seem warranted at this time, [] feels that, rather than have the papers destroyed, CIA would be interested in obtaining them for safekeeping and possible future reference.

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d. It is Mr. [] considered opinion that the actual or potential usefulness of the end product of this research is not commensurate with the effort and expenditure which would be required to complete it.

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